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SUBJ: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM (SRO)

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1. EMBASSY HIS BEEN IN CONTACT OVER PAST THREE WEEKS
WITH ECONOMIC POLICY BRANCH, DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND INDIRECTLY WITH BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE
DEPT. OF MINERALS AND ENERGY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
AUSTRALIA WITH REGARD TO SUBJECT PROGRAM. EMBASSY HAS
ALSO RECEIVED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN BMR AND
ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES OF NATIONAL
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION IN BOULDER
COLORADO WHICH ARE BEING TRANSMITTED
BY AIRPOUCH NOV. 28 FOR INFORMATION OF INTERESTED
WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

2. FROM CONVERSATIONS IN CANBERRA, IT APPEARS THAT
BMR IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED
UPGRADING OF THE STANDARD SEISMO-
GRAPH STATION AT MUNDARING, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
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IN CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO ABOVE, INDICATION GIVEN THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES INTEND TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO AUSTRALIA TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED UPGRADING OF THIS STATION WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO. WE GATHER ALSO THAT THE UPGRADING OF THIS STATION CANNOT TAKE PLACE FOR A YEAR OR SO BECAUSE THE EQUIPMENT INVOLVED WILL NOT HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED FOR ANOTHER 10 MONTHS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES IS EXPECTED TO VISIT AUSTRALIA. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY THE SITING OF A NEW SEISMOLOGICAL INSTRUMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA BUT ALSO A POSSIBLE SUGGESTION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN SIDE THAT THE PRESENT STATION AT MUNDARING MIGHT BE MOVED CLOSER TO THE SITE FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT ONCE THAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY AN APPROPRIATE SURVEY.
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